



Stolen ! Laguiole, 32cm Wedding Knife, Full Ivory Handle, Hand-chiseled Bee & Steel Spring

100 EUR



Signature : LAGUIOLE, coutelier inconnu

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ivory

Length : 32cm (ouvert) et 17cm (couteau fermé)

Description

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EXHIBITION A FEW DAYS AGO! Large
LAGUIOLE folding wedding knife, late 19th or
early 20th century Forged steel / iron spring and
bee, and chiseled with a file. Full ivory handle
with a very beautiful honey-colored patina,
embellished with an oval decoration dotted with
the sowing of brass nails (known as "stippling"),
in the centre of the handle. Dimensions closed
knife 17cm and open 32cm ! These large knives
were often and traditionally offered as wedding
gifts from the late 19th century. Apart from their
larger size than the usual formats (12 to 14cm),
they are also often made with ivory. The blade is
not marked with the name of the cutler but is
indeed the original one. Being a wedding gift, it
happened that for the sake of discretion, the cutler

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did not put his mark on these commissioned works. The patina of the spring, the bee and the blade are identical and certainly from the same period of manufacture. The tip of the blade is neither blunt nor shortened. The spring and the iron or steel bee are forged and polished with a file, fully hand made. These large wedding knives are very rare, and our example is specially interesting for its perfect condition and for the exceptional patina of the ivory handle. Bibliography "Laguiole, History of an exceptional knife", by Christian LEMASSON, ARTHEMIS edition 2019